Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* In which court is the matter now pending?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur (*Commissioner of Police*): Charge has not been sent to Court. It is under consideration whether a charge is to be laid.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* And yet you call it sub-judice?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon (*Advocate-General*): It is sub-judice. The moment the F. I. R. is sent to the Court, the case comes under its charge and without the permission of the Court it cannot be withdrawn.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Is the Government going to withdraw that case also?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon (*Advocate-General*): Who ever said so?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur (*Commissioner of Police*) It is not decided.

EXTENT OF LANDS OWNED AND QUANTITY OF PADDY GIVEN BY CERTAIN PERSONS IN THIRUVANKULAM VILLAGE

161. Mr. P. Narayana Menon *(Trippunittura):* Will Government be pleased to give the following information.—

(*a*) the area of paddy fields belonging to Punnachalil Kurian Thomman and Koodamana Madhavan Kartha of Thiruvankulam Village;

(*b*) the actual yield of paddy from the above lands for the Kanni crop according to the statement filed by the parties before the Paddy Purchasing Officers and the paddy surrendered by each of them to Government?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) and (*b*) It will not be consistent with public interest to publish the exact figures called for. The Hon'ble Member may, however, note that the purchases were made from the two individuals after due and proper enquiries were made regarding the extent and yield.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: ശരിയായ സംഖ്യ പറഞ്ഞാൽ public interest-നെ എങ്ങിനെയാണ് അഫക്ട് ചെയ്യുന്നു?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*): In the opinion of the Government it is not consistent with public interest to publish the figures.

Mr. Joseph Petta (*Adur*): May I know the actual total quantity?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: That is what has been asked for.

Mr. Joseph Petta (*Adur*): What is the objection to divulge the actual quantity?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: That has been stated already.

PURCHASES OF VIRUPPU CROP—TALUK-WAR LIST OF

162. Mr. P. Narayana Menon *(Trippunittura):* Will Government be pleased to furnish a taluk-war statement of the paddy purchased during the Chingam—Kanni crops of 1119 and 1120 separately?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The Taluk-war list of purchases from Viruppu crop of 1119 and that of 1120 till 15th November 1944/30th Thulam 1120 is appended. *(Please see Appendix II).*

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ തലപ്പിള്ളി താലൂക്കിൽ കഴിഞ്ഞ കൊല്ലത്തേക്കാൾ കുടുതലും ചിറ്റൂർ കൊച്ചി കണയന്നൂർ താലൂക്കുകളിൽ കഴിഞ്ഞ കൊല്ലത്തേക്കാൾ കുറവും വരുവാൻ പ്രത്യേകം വല്ല കാരണവുമുണ്ടോ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* As regards Chittur, though on the date we have given the purchase was comparatively less, subsequently more has been purchased. Purchase was started only late. That is why on a particular date the purchase is less. But subsequently the purchase has been made up and the figure on 7th January 1945 is 7,41,768 paras of paddy as against what is given in the answer. As regards Cochin-Kanayannur the purchase is less because this year there has been a larger failure of crop in the Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk due to the scarcity of rain and ingress of salt water.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): May I know, whether any of these 7 Swaroopams referred to in the answer.....

Mr. President: On which question is the Hon'ble Member putting the supplementary question?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): I am on Mr. Ezhuthassan's question No. 163.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Do the figures cover all the three crops, Viruppu, Mundakan and Puncha?

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Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*): Only Viruppu is given there.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: ക്രാങ്ങ്ഗന്നൂർ താലൂക്കിൽ ഇക്കൊല്ലം കൃഷി വളരെ നല്ല നിലയിൽ ആയിരുന്നതുകൊണ്ടാണോ കഴിഞ്ഞ കൊല്ലത്തേക്കാൾ കൂടുതൽ നെല്ല് കിട്ടിയതു്? കഴിഞ്ഞ കൊല്ലത്തേക്കാൾ അഞ്ചരിട്ടി നെല്ല് കൂടുതൽ കിട്ടിക്കാണുന്നു. അതുകൊണ്ട് കൃഷിയും അഞ്ചരിട്ടി നന്നായിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നാണോ വിചാരിക്കേണ്ടതു്.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*): Because the South-west monsoon failed. From the lands in the coastal area we expected a large yield. But on account of the failure of the South-west monsoon and the ingress of salt water there was a comparatively larger failure this year.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): May I know, whether the Viruppu crop this year, in 1120, has been comparatively a failure, when compared to the Viruppu crop of 1119?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*): Yes, about 30 per cent.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): With reference to the Talappalli Taluk will not that hold good?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*): The failure has been comparatively less there than in other areas.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): Comparatively between 1119 and 1120 as far as Talappalli Taluk is concerned, was not the Viruppu crop of 1120 a greater failure than it was in 1119?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*): I want notice.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): May I know whether the increase is due to the fact that the grain-purchasing Tahsildar is not allowing paddy to be paid in kind as wages?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*): Certainly not.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Does not the Hon'ble Member for Food realise that the Grain Purchasing Tahsildar is not making allowances for paying wages in kind for the western half of the Talappalli Taluk?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*): I am not aware. Instructions are that he should give.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): As far as my information goes even for the Swaroopams mentioned in succeeding question he is not allowing "Valli" to be given.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*): If specific instances are brought to my notice I shall enquire. The instructions are that he should give.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): Does this include the shrinkage allowance allowed by the Government?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*): Yes. It will include shrinkage also.

AMOUNT OF PADDY GIVEN FOR PERSONAL USE TO CERTAIN LANDHOLDERS

163. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

what is the amount of paddy allowed to the following for personal use in the year 1119?—

(1) Vadhian Nambudiri,
(2) The Desamangalath Mana,
(3) Varavoor Kaplinghat Mana,
(4) Chiralayam Swarupam,
(5) Ottur Mana,
(6) Koodalattupurath Mana and
(7) Manakkulam Swarupam.—

all in the Talappally Taluk.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*): Government demand from each land-holder is fixed according to the general principles laid down when Grain Purchase by Government was initiated. Normally, 50 per cent of the produce is expected to be sold to Government When the land-holder pleads inability, his accounts for the basic years 1115, 1116 and 1117 are scrutinised. Allowance for home-consumption or domestic use are made on a uniform

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